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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7, 9-15, 17, 19-26, 28 and 30-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7, 9-15, 17, 19-26, 28, and 30-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on 15 August 2005 under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 10/020,026 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

2. The amendments filed on 15 August 2005, submitted with the filing of the RCE have been received and entered. The applicant has cancelled claims 8, 18 and 27. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-15, 17, 19-26, 28, and 30-36 as amended are pending in the application.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: the meaning of the limitation “wherein the controlling browser window is further configured to control a graphical aspect of the controlled browser at least one chrome element displayed by a graphical user interface displayed by the opened controlled browser window” on lines 1-5 of claim 3 is unclear; the examiner assumes that the word “including” was accidentally left out of the claim and that the limitation is intended to be recited as -- wherein the controlling browser window is further configured to control a graphical aspect of the controlled browser **including** at least one chrome element displayed by a graphical user interface displayed by the opened controlled browser window --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

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Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 14-15, 17 and 19-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 14-15, 17 and 19-24 are not limited to tangible embodiments. In view of Applicant's disclosure, specification pages 5-6, paragraph 0023, the medium is not limited to tangible embodiments, instead being defined as including both tangible embodiments (e.g., information permanently stored on no-writable storage media, i.e. CD-ROM) and intangible embodiments (e.g., signal bearing communication medium). As such, the claim is not limited to statutory subject matter and is therefore non-statutory as the claim is not tangible.

5. To expedite a complete examination of the instant application, the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 (nonstatutory) above are further rejected as set forth below in anticipation of the applicant amending these claims to place them within the four statutory categories of invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claims 1-2, 4, 7, 12-15, 20, 25-26, 28 and 32-34 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yen et al. U.S. Publication 2002/0054141 (hereinafter "Yen") and Hodgkinson U.S. Publication 2002/0016802.

Referring to claims 1, 14 and 25, Yen teaches a method, computer readable medium and computer comprising a memory containing at least a browser programming (computer system with storage executing an application program that displays browser windows for conducting online stock transactions) (Yen: page 2, paragraphs 0026-0027 and page 4, paragraph 0046); a processor which when executing the browser programming, is configured to: open a controlling browser window configured to control aspects of a controlled browser window (for example, the first main window display opens the first sub-window display, which is subordinate to, or controlled by the first main window display) (Yen: page 4, paragraphs 0047-0052), wherein the controlling browser window establishes at least one event handler prior to opening the controlled browser window (menu/function buttons are inherently designed with event handlers which handles subsequent processing each time the button is selected; for example, it is established that upon user selection of a window control button, a sub-window will be displayed at a certain location) (Yen: page 4, paragraphs 0048-0049); and open the controlled browser window, wherein the controlled browser window includes a display area for rendering viewable content received from network locations (the first main window executes a launching object in the first window to open, i.e. display the first sub-window) (Yen: pages 2-3, paragraphs 0029-0032 and page 4, paragraphs 0047-0052), and wherein the controlling browser window controls at least one functional aspect of the controlled browser window, during a browsing session engaged in by a user (the first main window controls functional aspects of the first sub-window in that when

the first main window shifts or closes, the first sub-window shifts or closes correspondingly) (Yen: page 4, paragraph 0052; this is further recited in pages 5-6, claim 1). However, although Yen teaches event handlers that causes response upon user input, Yen fails to explicitly teach receiving user input to which the controlled browser window is configured to produce a predetermined response and overriding the predetermined response by executing an action specified by the at least one event to cause a response different from the predetermined response. Hodgkinson teaches the display of user selected information received from a network such as the Internet (Hodgkinson: paragraphs 0001-0002 on page 1 and Figure 1), similar to that of Yen. In addition, Hodgkinson further teaches receiving user input to which the controlled browser window is configured to produce a predetermined response and overriding the predetermined response by executing an action to cause a response different from the predetermined response (upon receiving user selection requesting a change in the layout of the displayed webpage, instead of executing the change, the system overrides the display change and prevents the browser from reformatting the pages) (Hodgkinson: paragraph 0015 on page 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Yen and Hodgkinson before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the control of a browser window of Yen to include receiving an input and causing a response different than the predetermined response, taught by Hodgkinson, in order to obtain receiving user input to which the controlled browser window is configured to produce a predetermined response and overriding the predetermined response by executing an action specified by the at least one event to cause a response different from the predetermined response. One would have been motivated to make

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such a combination in order to provide a management system that keeps users from conducting harmful or unauthorized actions on data, maintaining data integrity and security.

Referring to claim 34, Yen teaches a method comprising opening a browser program that opens a first browser window configured to open and display an HTML document (the application program 44 opens a HTML document window, such as a browser window for conducting on online stock transaction) (Yen: page 4, paragraph 0046), wherein the HTML document includes an executable component, which when processed by the browser program causes the browser program to establish at least one event handler, and further configured to open a second browser window (the first main window displaying the HTML online stock transaction content opens the first sub-window, i.e. second browser window, upon execution of the launching object in the first main window; menu/function buttons are inherently designed with event handlers which handles subsequent processing each time the button is selected; for example, it is established that upon user selection of a window control button, a sub-window will be displayed at a certain location) (Yen: pages 2-3, paragraphs 0029-0032 and page 4, paragraphs 0047-0052); and opening the second browser window, wherein the executable component of the first browser window is further configured to control at least one functional aspect of the second browser window, during the browsing session engaged in by a user interacting with the second browser window (the first main window controls functional aspects of the first sub-window in that when the first main window shifts or closes, the first sub-window shifts or closes correspondingly) (Yen: page 4, paragraph 0052; this is further recited in pages 5-6, claim 1). However, although Yen teaches event handlers that causes response upon user input, Yen fails to explicitly teach receiving user input to which the controlled browser window is

configured to produce a predetermined response and overriding the predetermined response by executing an action specified by the at least one event to cause a response different from the predetermined response. Hodgkinson teaches the display of user selected information received from a network such as the Internet (Hodgkinson: paragraphs 0001-0002 on page 1 and Figure 1), similar to that of Yen. In addition, Hodgkinson further teaches receiving user input to which the controlled browser window is configured to produce a predetermined response and overriding the predetermined response by executing an action to cause a response different from the predetermined response (upon receiving user selection requesting a change in the layout of the displayed webpage, instead of executing the change, the system overrides the display change and prevents the browser from reformatting the pages) (Hodgkinson: paragraph 0015 on page 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Yen and Hodgkinson before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the control of a browser window of Yen to include receiving an input and causing a response different than the predetermined response, taught by Hodgkinson, in order to obtain receiving user input to which the controlled browser window is configured to produce a predetermined response and overriding the predetermined response by executing an action specified by the at least one event to cause a response different from the predetermined response. One would have been motivated to make such a combination in order to provide a management system that keeps users from conducting harmful or unauthorized actions on data, maintaining data integrity and security.

Referring to claims 2, 15 and 26, Yen, as modified, teach the viewable content is Web content (the browser windows display information from a network, such as from the Internet, i.e. web content) (Yen: page 4, paragraph 0050 and page 5, paragraph 0061).

Referring to claims 4, 20 and 28, Yen, as modified, teach opening the controlling browser window further comprises locking at least one of a keyboard key and a mouse key (windows are opened via operation of the input device, such as a mouse or a keyboard) (Yen: page 2, paragraph 0026).

Referring to claim 7, Yen, as modified, teach re-establishing the at least one event handler for each change in a network address being accessed by the opened controlled browser window (the first main window, or controlling browser window comprises menu/function buttons, such as buttons 32 shown in Figures 3 and 4a-c; menu/function buttons are inherently designed with event handlers which handles subsequent processing each time the menu button is selected; for example, each time the user changes the network address by accessing a different web page via selecting one of the menu buttons, i.e. the “back” and “forward” arrow buttons, the menu button event handler acts to handle the processing) (Yen: page 2, paragraph 0026).

Referring to claim 12, Yen, as modified, teach opening the controlled browser window comprises executing a controlled browser program and wherein opening the controlling browser window comprises executing a controlling browser program (the plurality of controlling and controlled browser windows, such as the first main window and first sub-window can be executed, or displayed by different application programs) (Yen: page 5, paragraph 0062).

Referring to claim 13, Yen, as modified, teach in response to receiving user input configured to produce a first action by the opened controlled browser program, executing the controlling browser program to override the first action and produce a second action (upon receiving user selection requesting a change in the layout of the displayed webpage, instead of

executing the change, the system prevents the browser from reformatting the pages)
(Hodgkinson: paragraph 0015 on page 2).

Referring to claim 32, Yen, as modified, teach a network connection configured to support communications with the network locations via a network (computer system is linked to and communicates with the server via a network) (Yen: page 3, paragraph 0041 and page 4, paragraph 0050).

Referring to claim 33, Yen, as modified, teach the network is the Internet (the windows display Internet information and activities) (Yen: page 5, paragraph 0061).

Referring to claim 36, Yen, as modified, teach the executable component processed by the browser program renders the first browser window as a hidden window and the second browser window as a viewable window (each of the windows displayed by the application program comprise a minimize and maximize function button, as shown in Figure 1; therefore, the first main window, or controlling window controlling the first sub-window can be minimized, or hidden) (Yen: page 2, paragraph 0026 and pages 2-3, paragraphs 0031), and wherein the browsing activity engaged in by the user is restricted by the executable component (the application program restricts user's browsing activity with linked sub-windows by controlling the closing of the first sub-window for example, thereby preventing user browsing activity with the first sub-window) (Yen: page 3, paragraphs 0032-0033 and page 4, paragraphs 0048-0052).

7. Claims 3, 9-11, 17, 19, 21-24, 30-31 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being unpatentable by Yen et al. U.S. Publication 2002/0054141 (hereinafter "Yen") and Hodgkinson

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U.S. Publication 2002/0016802, as applied to claims 1, 14, 25 and 34 above, and Netscape® Communicator 4.75, copyright 2000 (hereinafter “Netscape”).

Referring to claims 3, 17 and 35, Yen and Hodgkinson teach all of the limitations as applied to claims 1, 14 and 34 above. However, although Yen and Hodgkinson teach wherein the controlling browser window is further configured to control operational and graphical aspects of the controlled browser window (the first main window controlling the displaying/closing and display location of the controlled first sub-window) (Yen: page 4, paragraph 0052), Yen and Hodgkinson fail to explicitly teach aspects of the controlled browser window to be controlled by the controlling browser window including at least one browser chrome element displayed by a graphical user interface displayed by the opened controlled browser window. Netscape teaches a graphical user interface that displays information received from the network, i.e. Internet, in browser windows (Netscape: Screenshots 2-3) similar to that of Yen and Hodgkinson. In addition, Netscape further teaches aspects of the controlled browser window to be controlled by the controlling browser window including at least one browser chrome element displayed by a graphical user interface displayed by the opened controlled browser window (controlling at least one browser chrome element by deactivating the display of a portion of the chrome, i.e. some of the navigation buttons such as the “Back” and “Forward” buttons) (Netscape: Screenshot 4). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Yen, Hodgkinson and Netscape before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the control of operational and graphical aspects of a browser window by another browser window of Yen and Hodgkinson to include the prevention of the display of a portion of the browser window taught by Netscape. One would have been motivated to make such a combination in order to

provide a management system that keeps users from conducting harmful or unauthorized actions on data, maintaining data integrity and security.

Referring to claims 9, 22 and 30, Yen, as modified, teach opening the controlling browser window comprises preventing at least a portion of chrome of the opened controlled browser window from being displayed on an output device (deactivating the display of a portion of the chrome, i.e. some of the navigation buttons such as the “Back” and “Forward” buttons) (Netscape: Screenshot 4).

Referring to claims 10, 23 and 31, Yen, as modified, teach the chrome of the opened controlled browser window comprises at least one of a tool bar, a menu bar, a title bar, an address field and a border (as shown in Figure 1 of Yen, each of the displayed windows, including the displayed first main window and the first sub-window, comprises a tool bar, a menu bar, a title bar and a border).

Referring to claims 11 and 24, Yen, as modified, teach the controlling browser window comprises at least one of a tool bar, a menu bar, a title bar, an address field, and a border (as shown in Figure 1 of Yen, each of the displayed windows, including the displayed first main window and the first sub-window, comprises a tool bar, a menu bar, a title bar and a border).

Referring to claim 19, Yen, as modified, teach opening the controlled browser window comprises executing a controlled browser program selected from one of Netscape Navigator® browser and Microsoft Internet Explorer® browser (screenshot 3 shows the web page displayed on a Netscape Navigator® browser).

Referring to claim 21, Yen, as modified, teach the controlling browser window is configured to restrict the browsing activity engaged in by the user by limiting access to at least

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one network address that is accessible by the opened controlled browser window (restrict browsing activity of the opened browser window, i.e. the "Google Business Solutions" window shown in Screenshot 3, by deactivating the display of a portion of the chrome, i.e. some of the navigation buttons such as the "Back" and "Forward" buttons, preventing those network addresses corresponding to the "Back" and "Forward" buttons from being accessed by the "Google Business Solutions" window) (Netscape: Screenshots 3-4).

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 15 August 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive: Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ting Zhou whose telephone number is (571) 272-4058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached at (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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